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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN-SOVIET SQUABBLE IN KATHMANDU

1. THE EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN KATHMANDU NOVEMBER 6 ISSUED AN UNUSUAL PRESS STATEMENT IN WHICH IT CIRCULATED AN ARTICLE FROM THE CAIRO DAILY GAZETTE OF OCTOBER 26 REBUTTING A PRAVDA ATTACK ON PRESIDENT SADAT WHICH HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN ITS PRESS BULLETIN TEN DAYS AGO. IN A COVERING LETTER THE EGYPTIANS NOTED THAT "NON CONSTRUCTIVE ARTICLES CONCERNING BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN COUNTRIES ARE MANILY THE CONCERN OF THE TWO PARTIES AND SHOULD NOT APPEAR IN A THIRD FRIENDLY COUNTRY." NONETHELESS, IT FELT COMPELLED TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT IN VIEW OF THE SOVIET DECISION TO REPRINT THE PRAVDA PIECE.

2. COMMENT: THE EGYPTIANS ARE TAKING OBVIOUS DELIGHT IN THE SMALL STIR THEIR ACTIONS HAVE CREATED IN KATHMANDU PRESS AND POLITICAL CIRCLES. MOST EMBASSIES (INCLUDING THE USSR) HAVE BEEN ABIDING FAIRLY CLOSELY TO THE SO-CALLED THIRD COUNTRY RULE IN RECENT MONTHS AND PUBLIC DEBATE THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF PRESS BULLETINS HAS USUALLY BEEN RESTRICTED

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TO THE INDAN AND PAKISTANI EMBASSIES. THE EGYPTIAN DECISION  
TO COUNTERATTACK PUBLICLY WILL NOT IMPROVE THE ALREADY  
STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE STAFFS OF THE TWO EMBASSIES.  
ACCORDING TO THE EGYPTIAN DCM THE RECENT SOVIET PRESS ATTACK  
WAS DIRECTLY COUNTER TO ASSURANCES  
WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED FROM THE FORMER SOVIET  
AMBASSADOR, WHO HAD ASSURED THE EGYPTIANS THAT THERE WOULD  
BE NO FURTHER CRITICISM OF EGYPT AS LONG AS THE EGYPTIANS  
DID NOT CRITICIZE THE USSR. THE EGYPTIANS ATTRIBUTE THE  
RECENT ATTACKS TO THE NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR, MR. KAMO  
BABINOVITCH UDUMEYAN. CARGO

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